

HCR194 / HR129

Testimony

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES, AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
TO CREATE A TRAFFIC MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE EWA AREA OF  
OAHU.

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2 cities around the country and throughout the world; and  
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4 WHEREAS, traffic congestion negatively impacts the quality  
5 of life for many residents, especially for working professionals  
6 and students commuting from outside the metro Honolulu area; and  
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8 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu has been  
9 consistently ranked as one of the worst in the nation, ranking  
10 second in a report by INRIX, a traffic information and driver  
11 services company; and  
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13 WHEREAS, according to TomTom's traffic index, the average  
14 commute time in Honolulu is around 30 minutes, and a commuter  
15 will experience around 76 hours of delays per year; and  
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17 WHEREAS, increased traffic in Hawaii has helped contribute  
18 to a surprising rate of around 10,000 serious traffic accidents  
19 a year; between 120 and 150 fatalities occur as a result of such  
20 accidents, with 8,000 to 12,000 individuals seriously injured;  
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23 WHEREAS, the problems with traffic in Honolulu are  
24 particularly pronounced in the weekday commute between metro  
25 Honolulu and the Ewa area of Oahu; and  
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27 WHEREAS, this problem may only worsen with the growth of  
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2 more than 67,000 new jobs over the next decade and a half; and  
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5 has occurred at a rapid pace decreasing the need for some  
6 residents to commute to downtown Honolulu, the Ewa Development  
7 Plan of 2011 acknowledges that commuting to downtown Honolulu  
8 from the Ewa region remains a problem with the average commute  
9 time being at least 75 minutes, with 20 percent of commuters  
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11 regular basis, and commuters have stated that it takes an  
12 average of 20 to 25 minutes just to get out of Ewa Beach; and  
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14 WHEREAS, common experience for both working professionals  
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19 H-1 interchange to downtown Honolulu; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the poor commuting experience from the Ewa region  
22 has only been made worse because of increased traffic congestion  
23 resulting from roadway closures and groundwork during the  
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25 therefore,  
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28 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
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31 and General Services and University of Hawaii, is requested to  
32 establish a traffic mitigation plan for the Ewa Region of Oahu;  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
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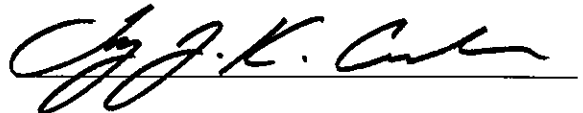
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House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of these resolutions. However, we feel these resolutions are unnecessary.

The resolution requests the DOT, Department of Accounting and General Services, and the University of Hawaii create a traffic mitigation plan for the Ewa area of Oahu.

Ongoing efforts to complete the Interstate Route H-1 Corridor Study will assess the existing congestion and future capacity needs for the 27 miles of freeway for the purpose of identifying possible short- to long-term solutions. Specifically, the study will assess the congestion and identify solutions for the Interstate H-1 segment that the resolution identifies from Ewa to the Primary Urban Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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## **Legislative Testimony**

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### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Submitted to the  
House Committee on Transportation  
March 25, 2015 at 10:30 am  
by  
Jan Gouveia  
Vice President for Administration  
University of Hawai'i System

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MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE EWA AREA OF OAHU

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 194/ HR 129, which requests the creation of a traffic mitigation plan for the 'Ewa area of O'ahu from the Department of Transportation, Department of Accounting and General Services and the University of Hawai'i.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of this resolution and is willing to work with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Accounting and General Services on the creation of such a plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 194/ HR 129.